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DETAINING OF INDIAN FLAG SHIPS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flag ships detained abroad during 2004 on the basis of not fulfilling the guidelines set by the Port State Control (PSC) inspection authorities; and

(b) the remedial measures on the card to come out from the black list in the medium risk category under Paris MoU ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) 15 Indian ships were detained abroad under Port State Control (PSC) during the year 2004. Most of detentions were caused due to poor house keeping and maintenance.

(b) Several steps have been taken to ensure that the maintenance and house keeping standards of Indian ships are substantially enhanced. A few of such measures are given below:

(i) Increased number of Flag State Implementation (FSI) inspections to ensure proper inspection by the Classification Societies and after class inspection proper maintenance by the ship owners

(ii) A thorough FSI inspection of the ship subjected to PSC detention.

(iii) Frequent interaction with the ship owners and the Classification Societies to discuss each and every detention case in detail and issuance of follow up instructions.

(iv) More frequent inspection by the ship owners' shore based technical officers to identify and rectify the deficiencies immediately.

(v) Classification Societies to report immediately, if a ship is sailing with large number of deficiencies.

(vi) Special FSI campaign on all the bulk carrier which are more than twenty years in age.